

**Subcommittee #3 – Emergency Response  
and Evaluation of Spread and Fire  
Fighting Risks  
Conference Call #2  
Key Discussion Items and Notes  
February 16, 2001**

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The following is a brief summary of **key discussion items and notes** from the second conference call of Subcommittee #3 – Emergency Response and Evaluation of Spread and Fire Fighting Risks held February 16, 2001. Conference call participants are listed at the end of these notes.

**Garry Briese**, the chair, was unable to participate in the call.

**Next conference call** of the Subcommittee will be Friday, March 16, 2001 at 3:30pm EST. Conference call number will be provided by e-mail closer to the date of the call.

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**Key Discussion Items:**

- **Frank Russo** spoke to three key items before the Subcommittee began their discussions. Items were:
  - There was a controlled burn at the Y-12 site at Oak Ridge that was briefly out of control. He will be visiting next week and will provide feedback to the committee members. The Moratorium requires additional guidance. The Secretary will be briefed on Commission existence at the same time he is updated on Y-12 event. Briefing materials were sent to Secretary's office and the event will bring the Commission to fore front. Cozen requested a meeting with Secretary and Jack Snell also sent letter of appreciation for serving on the Commission.
  - **Steve Cozen** is anticipating the next full committee meeting for sometime in April. Exact date/location is to be determined. There were also discussions of holding the next full committee meetings in conjunction with the DOE Fire Protection Workshop April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Augusta, GA. Savannah River is close by and a fine example of an integrated safety management site. Check DOE website <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/fire/> under DOE/Contractor Fire Safety Meetings for information on workshop.
  - The draft of DOE's comprehensive review of fire safety programs and related emergency management capabilities will be in the mail not later than the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Plan is for members to take two weeks from receipt to review and then e-mail comments to all members by March 15<sup>th</sup>. This Plan was also sent to the Defense Board.
  - The Interagency Agreement between Departments of Interior and Agriculture on prescribed burns was signed Jan. 19. It is in the early stages of staffing within DOE. The Secretary is expected to endorse it with implementation guidance being developed subsequently.
- **Mike Freeman** indicated that Garry Briese suggested that the 60-day Report addressed most of the Committees' concerns and answered most questions.
- **Lorlee Mizell** provided for the subcommittees' consideration, a detailed strawman of issues which the subcommittee should look at for incorporation into their the Scope of Work.

**Next Step** Subcommittee members are requested to:

- Review DOE's Draft Comprehensive Plan, reflect and comment on the comprehensive nature of the plan.
  - Provide e-mail comments to all by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
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**Discussion Notes.**

- **Lorlee Mizell** provided for the subcommittees' consideration, a detailed strawman of issues which the subcommittee should look at for incorporation into their the Scope of Work and it is included below:
  - Assess Fire Management Plans
    - Complexity Analysis Review to include local response
    - Fuel Type/Model Inclusion
    - Are plans prepared in conjunction with local mutual aid agencies, Fish & Wildlife, BLM, USFS, NWCG?
    - Have all aspects been examined such as National Monument Status or any other impacting conditions?
  - Assess Interagency Coordination
    - Communications Issues
    - Mutual Plans and Agreements
    - Protocols
    - Hazard/Risk Communications to offsite responders and Emergency Operations Centers (survey offsite chiefs/responders)
  - Assess pre-fire planning to reduce spread and maximize prevention
    - Evaluate threat to offsite if fire escapes site boundary
    - Look at environmental contaminates and threat responders (from other subcommittees)
    - Examine public impact and perception
  - Assess Response Phase Activities
    - Unified Command Structures
    - Coordination with local agencies specific to site
    - National Wildlife Coordination Group (NWCG)
    - Staging and on-scene education of responders (will be on the fly if a fire were to go to State Mobilization or escalate to Type I teams and response due to out of area responders)
    - Incorporation of Melcor Accident Consequence Code (MACC) into response activities
  - Assess Adequacy of Firefighting Forces
  - Assess Effectiveness and Thoroughness of Drills and Exercises
- **Jessie Roberson** requested an update on the schedule for the survey, which was discussed in the previous call.
- **Frank** suggested holding off on conducting a survey until the members have had a chance to review the Draft Plan first.
- **Eric Lamar** made reference to his e-mail regarding suggested survey items. He believes the questions were vague. In the future, specific information on responder capability should be asked of on-site fire departments and brigades. Measuring adequacy of fire fighting forces to a higher level of detail may be a good idea.
- **Lorlee** suggests contacting off-site fire departments that work in a mutual aid capacity.
- **Mike Freeman** adds that Forrest service can also lend support.
- **Jessie** suggests the committee wait till they receive the Draft Plan before acting on the scope of work.
- **Mike** believes that the survey may still be necessary after the subcommittee reviews DOE's Draft Plan.

- **Jessie** requested a schedule for Reviews.
- **Frank** replied that Defense Board has to look at the Plan and factor in Phase I. DOE will start with scoping field visits in April time frame, but Commission must agree on the selected sites as being representative site and facilities.

### *Next Conference Call*

**Next conference** call of the Subcommittee was scheduled for **Friday, March 16, 2001 at 3:30pm EST**. Conference call date and number will be provided by e-mail closer to the date of the call.

### *Conference Call Participants*

- Commission Members
  - Garry Brieze, Subcommittee Chair (unable to participate)
  - Lorlee Mizell
  - Mike Freeman and Richard Salese
  - Jessie Roberson, Commission Co-Chair
- U.S. Department of Energy
  - Frank Russo, Designated Federal Official
  - Barbie Harshman, Federal Assistant
  - Bill Boyce, Fire Protection Engineer
- RPI
  - Bill Hamilton
  - Melinda Watters